2024 Poetry Society of Virginia Annual Contests – Winners

ENDOWED CATEGORIES

Edgar Allen Poe Memorial Award
1st - Erin Wells - "Ex Machina"
2nd - Hannah Rouse - "night time skin care"
3rd - Angela Beatrice - "Eliot in Parcels"
HM - Sarah Ann Winn - "Librarian to the Visible Heavens"

Sarah Lockwood
1st - toni tyler - "Skin"
2nd - Wendell Hawken - "Diapause"
3rd - Eric Forsbergh - "A Second Date, at the Ballet"
HM - Linda Ankrah-Dove - "Patience"

Bess Gresham
1st - Christina Linsin - "Bikes"
2nd - Wes Carrington - "Perfect Poems"
3rd - Diana Woodcock - "Why I Want to Reconnect With My High School"
HM - Brian Chee - "I Remember You"

Carleton Drewry
1st - Gail Giewont - "Dianthus"
2nd - A. Logan Hill - "When it is time ..."
3rd - Sarah Ann Winn - "If Birds Left Tracks Across the Sky"
HM - Lorraine Jeffery - "After This"

**Brodie Herndon**
1st - Joseph Jablonski - "A Poem About Dragons For My Son"
2nd - Peter LaBerge - "Homosexual Panic"
3rd - Wendell Hawken - "Basketball Game"
HM - James Huneycutt - "An Adirondack Cabin Retreat"

**Nancy Byrd Turer**
1st - Elizabeth Black - "Issa's Cricket"
2nd - Richard Stimac - "Ares"
3rd - Erin Wells - "A Small Observation"
HM - Laura Bobrow - "Almost Lost at the Carnival"

**Cenie H. Moon**
1st - Erin Wells - "Someone on a Journey"
2nd - April Asbury - "The British Tour"
3rd - Claudia Kessel - Menorrhagia
HM - Greg Friedmann - "Eve's Complaint"

**Judah, Sarah, Grace, Tom**
1st - Rich Follett - "crt"
2nd - Elizabeth Spragins - "Color Blind"
3rd - Diana Woodcock - "Three Little Neighbors in Qatar"
HM - Yahney-Marie Sangare - "Harlem Midnight"
Charlotte Wise
1st - Rich Follett - "crt"
2nd - Elizabeth Spragins - "Color Blind"
3rd - Diana Woodcock - "Three Little Neighbors in Qatar"
HM - Yahney-Marie Sangare - "Harlem Midnight"

Robert S. Sergeant
1st - Erin Wells - "Crane Briefly Seen:
2nd - Wes Carrington - "An Ostentation"
3rd - Linda Partee - "Don't Feed This Bird"
HM - Ken Hines - "Carrion"

Anne Spencer
1st - Kathleen Decker - "Shelter (Ukraine)"
2nd - Donna Isaac - "With Its Bright Shining"
3rd - Pam Denyes - "Her Bath"
HM - Chapman Frazier - "When Held to the Light"

Handy Andy
1st - Erin Wells - "Emoji, or Lament For the Written Word"
2nd - Laura Bobrow - "The Birds and the Bees"
3rd - Claudia Gary - "GPT Goppity Goo"
HM - Jerri Hardesty - "Horrible Boss"
INDIVIDUALLY SPONSORED CATEGORIES

Strong Point of View
1st - Eric Forsbergh - "Free Speech Privilege"
2nd - James Huneycutt - "You Cannot Marry Roger Vadim, He's Far Too Dead"
3rd - Kindra McDonald - "Teaching Wilderness Survivor School at Junior Ranger Camp"
HM - April Asbury - "Mother Lays Down the Law"

Elizabeth Neuwirth
1st - Erin Wells - "If Windows Remain"
2nd - June Goodenough - "Evoked by George Sotter's 'A Snowy Night'"
3rd - Not Awarded

Joseph Pendleton Campbell
1st - Greg Friedmann - "No Deus No Machina"
2nd - Sarah Kohrs - "Sieved with Galium Aparine"
3rd - Steve Knepper - "Metal Love Song"
HM - Maggie Saunders - "White"

Dr. Lucile E. Thompson
1st - Sarah Kohrs - "A New Home: One Woman's Belief in Ambience"
2nd - Anna Isabella Fratarcangello - "Beauty Breaking Bad"
3rd - Adele Gardner - "Ode to the Dishwasher"
HM - Erin Wells - "Variable Stars"
Honoring Fatherhood
1st - Donna Isaac - "Coming Home"
2nd - Amasa Maleski - "Catch and Release"
3rd - Lorraine Jeffery - "The Other Book"
HM - Carlin Corsino - "What Will I Do Without You?"

Ekphrastic Poetry
1st - Anna Evas - "A Modern Venus of Willendorf"
2nd - Erin Wells - "Still Life"
3rd - Diana Kincannon - "Hospice Nurse"

POETRY SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA MEMBERS ONLY CATEGORIES
Joanne Scott Kennedy
1st - James Huneycutt - "The Bats of Rabat"
2nd - Ken Hines - "Obit Postscript"
3rd - Carolyn Mathews - "In Praise of June Bugs"
HM - Nicola McGoff - "Parenting"

Elizabeth J. Urquhart
1st - Mark Fryburg - "Dunes"
2nd - Peter LaBerge - "California Avenue"
3rd - Claudia Kessel - "Disappearing in the Panhandle"
HM - Sarah Ann Winn - "At Mrs. Leihey's Table"
Jeff Hewitt
1st - Patsy Asuncion - "Habits of American Habitat"
2nd - Chris Rhodes - "The South"
3rd - Diane Melby - "The Year the Trees Fell"

Alexandra “Zan” Delaine Hailey
1st - Bill Ayres - "We Share the World"
2nd - Aaliyah Anderson - "Today, You will"
3rd - Chapman Frazier - "The Longing"
HM - Sarah Ann Winn - "Magritte Makes A Cameo"

Hardy Haiku
1st - Eric Sundquist - "walking meditation"
2nd - Rebecca Lilly - "shadows the same tone"
3rd - Not Awarded

Climate Change
1st - Erin Wells - "Incantation"
2nd - Deborah Baxter - "The Mountain Has a Fever"
3rd - Gail Giewont - "Fairy Tales"
HM - Sarah Kohrs - "A World Refocused"

Family Relationships
1st - Erin Wells - "A Prayer for Broken Things"
2nd - Claudia Kessel - "Inversion"
3rd - Peter LaBerge - "White Orchid"
HM - Sarah Kohrs - "Bienvenidos, Mundi"

Russ & Ellen Notar
1st - Peter LaBerge - "The Indisputable"
2nd - Erin Wells - "Thanksgiving at the Self-Checkout"
3rd - Chapman Frazier - "The Flowering of the Dead"
HM - Sarah Kohrs - "The OKness We Bring"

Spoken Word & Verse Video
1st - Jerri Hardesty - "Heifer"
2nd - Terra Walker - "Sake"
3rd - Marjorie Cenese - "Sheltered"
HM - Adele Gardner - "Ray of Light"